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Copy No. 51CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEEExport of Airborne Communications and Navigation  
Equipment to East GermanyMemorandum by the United Kingdom Delegation

1. The United Kingdom authorities have been asked to approve the export to the Soviet Zone of Germany of certain airborne communications and navigation equipment to a total value of \$108,969.
2. It is understood that the equipment is to be incorporated in civil aircraft which are either to be re-exported to Western countries, or put into service on scheduled flights to Western countries. However, at the present time, it is difficult to obtain definite assurances from the Soviet Zone authorities on this point since the two aircraft for which the equipment is required are still in the prototype stage. The United Kingdom authorities have, therefore, also included those equipments falling under the excepting notes in I.L.1501 in this submission, rather than giving approval for them to be exported by administrative exception.
3. The aircraft being built in the Soviet Zone are, we understand, civil types: a prototype four jet airliner BB.152, and a four engined turbo-prop aircraft. At the present time the United Kingdom authorities have only been asked to approve the small quantities of equipment required for these prototypes. These equipments are shown, together with their position against the International Lists, on the attached appendices A and B. Equipment similar to that on these appendices has already been exported in 1957 to the Soviet bloc (Cocom doc. 2573 concerning the export of Convair aircraft to Poland refers).
4. If, at a later date, the United Kingdom authorities are asked to supply further quantities to be installed in the aircraft to be sold submissions will, of course, be made to the Co-ordinating Committee (provided that the Committee rules of that time require this).
5. In addition to the equipment listed in the appendices the United Kingdom authorities have refused to allow the export of two equipments. These are as follows:-
  - (a) Airborne doppler navigation equipment  
Which is covered by I.L.1501(b)1. Cocom recently agreed that this type of equipment would not be exported to the Soviet bloc (Cocom documents 3373, 3394 and 3408 refer).
  - (b) Airborne weather radar (cloud and collision warning radar).  
Which is covered by I.L.1501(c). The United Kingdom authorities would welcome assurances from other Cocom members that they too would refuse to license the export of similar equipment to the Soviet bloc.
6. The United Kingdom authorities wish to authorise the export of the equipment shown on the attached appendices A and B, and they would be grateful if member countries would make known their views. by May 25.

United Kingdom Delegation,  
Paris.

May 5, 1959.